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Honorable James C. Francis
United States Magistrate Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1960
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States et al. ex rel. Kester v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Corp., et al.*,
11 Civ. 8196 (CM) (JCF)

Dear Judge Francis:

This Office represents plaintiff the United States (the “Government”) in the above-referenced False Claims Act action. The *qui tam* relator and CVS Corporation have recently filed letters about a dispute over the proper scope of a protective order in the non-intervened part of this case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 517, the Government plans to file a letter statement of interest about that dispute by Friday, January 2, 2015.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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